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Reminiscences of Prominent Men of the South.

In coming on here (to Washington), after we had talked of almost everything, Dr. Curry was asked some leading questions about the Confederate Congress and about why Jefferson Davis was made President of the Confederacy. He replied (substantially): "There was nothing to develop great men in the Confederate Congress. Nearly all of the legislation had reference to the war and the debates were all in secret session, except such as were of no consequence. As to why we elected Mr. Davis president, there were several reasons. He had distinguished himself in the Mexican war, had been trained a soldier at West Point and had been secretary of war. We felt that it was necessary to elect a man of military capacity and experience, acquainted with the officers who would come to us. Then Mr. Davis had distinguished himself in the United States Senate as a debater. He and Hunter and Benjamin and Toombs were the foremost men from the south in the Senate at that time. Mr. Davis was an extreme man. He was a man of fine culture and in all debates where the scientific principles were involved he could take part with credit to himself. He was a man of stainless character and his private life, as well as his public life, was blameless. The people who say that the choice of Mr. Davis for the presidency was a bad one should remember that the field of selection was a very restricted one. Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee had not then joined the Confederacy. Mr. Stephens had been a strong Union man and had recently made very strong Union speeches. Georgia presented him and he was elected vice-president with the hope of conciliating the south and uniting the whole people upon the great undertaking. I don't think there was much antagonism between Mr. Davis and Mr. Stephens. Mr. Davis took very few persons into his confidence. In Washington you will always find the vice-president has very little to do in aiding the president in the discharge of his duties. Mr. Benjamin was probably the greatest man we had, as a thinker and speaker, while his capacity for work was simply wonderful. Howell Cobb was another great man. As president of the provisional Congress, in Montgomery he held himself admirably. He had been speaker of the old Congress, and added to his large legislative experience, he was noted for his great ability and thorough integrity. In 1850, when there was great excitement in the south looking to secession, Cobb was a Union man and as such was elected governor of Georgia. He was a Jackson Democrat, in contradistinction from a Calhoun Democrat. He was secretary of the treasury under Buchanan and resigned and went home to plead for secession. He was one of the wisest of statesmen and many thought he would have made a better president than Davis. Howell Cobb was in many things like Senator Joseph E. Brown, whom I regard as a very able man. In the provisional Congress Georgia had the strongest representation. It had Stevens, Toombs, the two Cobbs, Ben Hill, Frank Bartow (killed at Manassas) and Nisbet. Ben Hill was the ablest debater in the United States Senate and his loss was irreparable. I repeat there was nothing to develop statesmanship during the war and since the war. This race question has absorbed all questions and overshadowed everything else. No man, north or south, seems to grasp it in all its bearings. The negro problem, more than any other in this country, or even in Europe, requires the highest order of statesmanship. Thus only can it be settled justly for both races. Our people do not see, as they should, that the principles of Christianity must enter into statesmanship. In our protest against the union of church and state, we have fallen into the error of separating Christianity from these great principles. The most remarkable exhibit of the appliance of Christian principles is, of course, in Gladstone. He has the courage to stand up in the house of commons and say that a certain course of action is wrong, because it is in opposition to Christianity."—*Richmond Enquirer.*

## How to Treat Sudden Wounds.

Long Life.

In a recent lecture Dr. L. Woodbridge on the subject "What to do in case of a sudden wound when a surgeon is not at hand," said in part: "An inexperienced person would naturally close the lips of the wound as quickly as possible and apply a bandage. If the wound is bleeding freely, but no artery is spouting blood, the first thing to be done is to wash it with water at an ordinary temperature. To every pint of water add either five grains of corrosive sublimate, or two and a half teaspoonfuls of carbolic acid. If the acid is used add two tablespoonfuls of glycerine to prevent its irritating the wound. If there are neither of these articles in the house, add four tablespoonfuls of borax to the water. Wash the wound, close it, and apply a compress of a folded square of cotton or linen. Wet it in the solution used for washing the wound, and bandage down quickly and firmly. If the bleeding is profuse a sponge dipped in very hot water and wrung out in cloth, should be applied as quickly as possible. If this is not available use ice, or cloths wrung out in ice water. If a large vein or artery is spouting, it must be stopped at once by compression. This may be done by a rubber tube, wound around the arm tightly above the elbow or above the knee, where the pulse is felt to beat; or an improvised tourniquet may be used. A hard apple, or a stone, or a piece of a folded handkerchief, and placed firmly in place. This bandage is then placed so that the hard object rests on the point where the artery beats, and is tied loosely around the arm. A stick is then thrust through the loose bandage and turned till the blood ceases."

Some French physician has gathered figures to prove that the average duration of life has increased several years during the last century. Is that a gain? He gives it as if it were. Each wants to live long, but is longer life good for the whole? The account is that the Maker of man started him at nine hundred or a thousand years, but found it necessary to shorten his tenure to shorten his growth of sin. Has this requirement reached its end? Nothing is gained by prolonging the lives of infants of diseased constitutions. Nothing is gained to society by prolonging the years of old age and decay. The longer the period of life, the less the chances of the rising generation, and the longer the deferred hope of the sons and daughters of rich men, who are reckoning on how the old man will cut up. If with longer life the average energy were higher, it would be a gain, but not if it is only to linger out the same. That period of the life of individuals if best for the whole which gives to the mass the highest average of energy. To this end the shortening of the years of decay and decrepitude is a gain to society. The much advanced tribe of Blackfoot Indians understood this element of political economy, and disposed of the aged by placing them in the wilderness to depart to another and better world. The account is that the old ones accepted the philosophy and situation, and each was willing to leave his country for his country's good. But one can prove anything by statistics. The cheerful view is that the race is degenerating, and that things are not as they were when we were young. This gives reason to hope that the French statistician is a fraud.—*Eugene City Register.*

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